

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

June 5, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE JUNE 5, 2003 MEETING. CD-R OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at Brea Community Center. There was a quorum present.

Voting Members Present

Mayor Lee Ann Garcia, Chair
Councilmember Harry Baldwin
Councilmember Hal Bernson
Councilmember Lou Bone
Councilmember Art Brown
Mayor Lawrence Dale
Mayor Gene Daniels
Councilmember Joy Defenbaugh
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
Mayor Richard Dixon
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
Councilmember Gary J. George
Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller
Mayor Mark Nuaimi
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Mayor Gary Ovitt
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
Councilmember Will Pieper
Mayor Bea Proo
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway
Mayor Ron Roberts
Supervisor Charles V. Smith
Mayor Cameron Smyth
Mayor Tom Sykes
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Representing

City of Grand Terrace
City of San Gabriel
City of Los Angeles
City of Tustin
City of Buena Park
City of Barstow
City of Paramount
Riverside, WRCOG
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Lake Forest
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG
City of Redlands, SANBAG
City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
City of El Segundo
City of Hemet, RCTC
City of Claremont
City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC
City of Santa Monica
City of Ontario
City of Cathedral City, CVAG
Desert Hot Springs, CVAG
City of Pico Rivera
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion
City of Newport Beach
City of Temecula
County of Orange County
City Santa Clarita, North LA County
City of Walnut
City of Pasadena

Voting Members Absent

Councilmember Ron Bates
 Supervisor Paul Biane
 Supervisor Yvonne Burke
 Mayor George Cole
 Mayor Bill Davis
 Councilmember Judy Dunlap
 Mayor Pro Tem John R. Fasana
 Councilmember Ruth Galanter
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti
 Mayor Larry Grogan
 Mayor Carol Herrera
 Councilmember Nate Holden
 Councilmember Robert Hunter
 Mayor Pro Tem Tim Keenan
 Councilmember Lowenthal
 Mayor Patsy Marshall
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy
 Supervisor Judy Mikels
 Councilmember Jeff Miller
 Councilmember Keith Millhouse
 Councilmember Nick Pacheco
 Mayor David A. Spence
 Councilmember Dick Stanford
 Councilmember Paul Talbot
 Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga
 Councilmember Linda Wilson
 Council Member Dennis Zine

Representing

City of Los Alamitos
 County of San Bernardino
 County of Los Angeles
 City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC
 City of Inglewood
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Los Angeles
 City of El Centro, IVAG
 Diamond Bar, SGVCOG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Victorville
 City of Cypress, Orange County COG
 City of Long Beach
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
 City of Downey
 County of Ventura
 City of Corona
 City of Moorpark, VCOG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of La Canada Flintridge, Arroyo Verdugo Cities
 City of Azusa
 City of Alhambra
 City of Long Beach
 City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG
 City of Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member
 Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT
 Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

SELECTION of CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

Councilmember Roberts, Chair, opened the floor for nominations for new Chair and Vice Chair for TCC.

Supervisor Smith nominated and Councilmember Bernson seconded Mayor LeeAnn Garcia, City of Grand Terrace, to serve as TCC Chair. No other nominations.

The committee UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Mayor Garcia as the new Chair for TCC.

Councilmember Bernson nominated and Supervisor Smith seconded Harry Baldwin, City of San Gabriel, as the new TCC Vice Chair. No other nominations were made.

The TCC UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED Councilmember Baldwin as the new Vice Chair.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Brown), SECONDED (Defenbaugh) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 May 1, 2003 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.2 2003/2004 Legislative Summaries

4.0 ACTION ITEM

Maglev Task Force Report

Councilmember Art Brown stated at the May 21, 2003 Maglev Task Force several motions were passed. The motions included the third milestone of passenger demand assessment at Union Station, sixth milestone of public outreach/participation and milestone seven of the technology transfer agreement. As a result of the IOS/JPA presentation on the status of maglev, Supervisor Antonovich put forth the motion to consider the other two alternatives, the LAX/Palmdale connection and the Orange line.

Hon. Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles, stated it would be unwise to consider the other alternatives when there is no airport in Palmdale. He stated it is his belief that Ontario Airport does want to grow and should be encouraged in that direction. He added, any future consideration of high-speed alternative in that region must be done in conjunction with improvements to SR-14.

Mayor Ovitt stated Ontario does indeed want to continue its focus as a primary means for maglev. One of the members stated passing this motion might send mixed signals to Sen. Feinstein, a great supporter of the project. Another member recommend the motion be taken to the Aviation Task force and the Maglev task force.

Councilmember Art Brown, City of Buena Park, made the motion to support the original IOS West Los Angeles to Ontario and direct staff to continue to work with those cities that have shown a financial interest in further developing a Maglev System to their areas. Hon. Bernson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 US-101 Corridor Study

Linda Taira, Project Manager, Caltrans, gave a brief overview of the US-101 Corridor Study. The study is a multi agency study that has been before the TCC on previous occasions. Ms. Taira stated the project is at a major milestone having identifying a preferred strategy taken before the steering committee on May 23, 2003.

The US-101 Corridor is a 40-mile corridor extending from Downtown Los Angeles to SR-23. The study looked at all aspects of transportation needs in the corridor and considered extensive public input. The most common suggestion is to extend some type of rail through the valley, preferably via the

subway system. However, people also express concern that properties will be taken in attempts to improve mobility along the US-101.

The alternatives were developed based on a three-tier strategy, "A" the no build strategy, "B" the TSM/TDM strategy with a strong TSM/TDM, this includes ½ billion worth of improvements for bus, rail, and capital investments for operational improvements. The third tier identified the long range capacity improvement needs in the corridor, including rail option in Alternative E.

The TAC recommended "modified strategy D," including addition of a fifth lane as well as a billion dollars of near and mid range improvements. In addition, the TAC suggested deferring the long-range concept between US-134 and US-110 to another study. The TAC felt strategies A and B are just a starting point. The demand in the year 2025 will be so great with the anticipated growth that an additional seven freeway lanes in each direction would be needed just to improve on today's traffic conditions.

Ms. Taira again stated to the committee that strategies "A" and "B" are just a starting point. The public is more willing to adopt Strategy E, but there is a greater impact on property and a high cost versus benefits ratio. Strategy C, with only bus and carpool lanes provides less flexibility for the possibility of rail in the future. Strategy "D" has a larger footprint but provides greater flexibility if rail becomes a viable option in the future.

Mr. Hal Bernson referred to a 1982 study that discussed the benefits associated with double decking freeways. He stated one clear benefit is that the infrastructure is already in place and there would be no need to take homes or acquiring right-of-way for the project unlike widening plans. Mr. Hassan Ikhata, SCAG staff stated although this is a very political issue, something needs to be done despite how unpopular any real solution may be.

Mr. Jeff Reinhardt stated the public needs to be involved in the process and SCAG needs to do a better job of communicating the issues and possible solutions to the public to generate a better understanding in the communities affected. He further stated this issue could put SCAG's entire plan out of compliance, which will affect everyone in the region. Further, he stated the region cannot accommodate the amount of increase expected without seriously dealing with the mobility issue.

Mayor Tod Ridgeway, City of Newport Beach, inquired about the cost versus benefit of double decking highways. Mr. Ikhata stated the costs and benefits vary greatly depending on the freeway and its volume.

Ms. Joy Defenbaugh asked if double decking freeways would be an alternative when the item comes back as an action item. Mr. Ikhata stated the cost

benefit analysis of double decking freeways will be presented along with several other alternatives in the RTP process.

5.2 User-Supported Regional Truckways and Regional Rail Capacity Improvement Ideas

Mr. Ikhata outlined two concepts designed to handle the increase of goods flowing throughout Southern California in the next 20 years. In that time the amount of goods movement through the region is expected to triple.

The first, User Supported Regional Truckways, consists of building a truck way from the ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach to the north and east, consisting of two dedicated truck lanes in each direction, spanning a total of 143 miles of truckways. The users will fund the system, the fees collected from the trucks will cover the costs of building and operation. The total cost is approximately \$16.5 million, and the average toll needed to support the project is approximately 56 cents per mile.

The second concept, Regional Rail Capacity Improvement Program, is to increase the rail capacity at a cost of approximately \$1.2 billion by using container fees and tax credits. The project would focus on the east-west corridors linking Los Angeles with the inter-modal facilities in the Inland Empire.

A committee members asked how do we avoid mistakes made in the Alameda Corridor. Mr. Ikhata disagreed with the perception that the Alameda Corridor did not meet its objectives stating it is a great benefit to the region and the entire country.

5.3 Southern California Regional Telephone Traveler Information System Study

Mr. Sina Zarifi, SCAG Staff presented a report related to issues on 511 travel. 511 is a single nationwide telephone number that can be used to access travel information. Once designated, each region was asked to look at how the number can be deployed and implemented within the region. A number of issues were identified. In this region extensive travel information is already available for the public, such as 1-800-commute funded by Caltrans. Additionally there are numerous Internet based travel information sites, both public and privately funded. These sites provide ridesharing and other travel information to the public.

The committee evaluated all the issues and made two recommendations: to pursue opportunities for public/private demonstration and to pursue private sector opportunities for deployment of 511.

A committee member asked if this is an un-funded mandate. Mr. Zarifi stated the FCC left implementation up to local jurisdictions, however

implementation through public/private partnerships is encouraged. Cost is estimated to be between \$7-8 million to operate and maintain.

6.0 CHAIR REPORT

There was no chair report.

7.0 STAFF REPORT

There was no staff report.

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

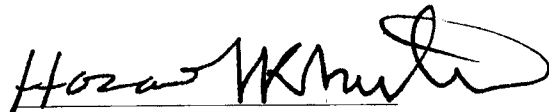
There were no future agenda items.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lee Ann Garcia adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2003.



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